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"The Law Is For Protection Of The People"

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Billy Dalton staggered on the sidewalk
Someone said, he stumbled and he fell
Six squad cars came screamin' to the rescue
Hauled old Billy Dalton off to jail

'Cause the law is for protection of the people
Rules are rules and any fool can see
We don't need no drunks like Billy Dalton
Scarin' decent folks like you and me, no siree

Homer Lee Hunnicut was nothin' but a hippy
Walkin' through this world without a care
Then one day, six strappin' brave policeman
Held down Homer Lee and cut his hair

'Cause the law is for protection of the people
Rules are rules and any fool can see
We don't need no hairy headed hippies
Scarin' decent folks like you and me, no siree

Oh, so thank your lucky stars, you've got protection
Walk the line and never mind the cost
And don't wonder who them lawmen was protectin'
When they nailed the Savior to the cross

'Cause the law is for protection of the people
Rules are rules and any fool can see
We don't need no riddle speakin' prophets
Scarin' decent folks like you and me, no siree

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